

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.116, and in light of the remarks which follow.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-9 and 34 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 1-42 of U.S. Patent No. 6,689,922.

Applicants are filing a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,689,922 with this response. Applicants therefore request the withdrawal of this rejection.

From the foregoing, Applicant earnestly solicits further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

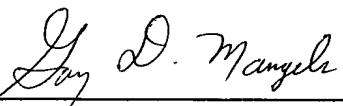
If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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